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Ship Cambria While About the Navigator Islands

Tuesday April 11th 1848 Commenced with a brisk wind from NNE and bad looking weather sent the main Trawl down & the J.B. Tacks down at 6 took in the Fore Sail Fore & Main Top Sails were ship to the ESE at 8 A.M. were back to the NNE at 6 set the Top Sails again at 10 received ship at 12 took in the Fore & Main Top Sails had looking weather and a smart gale from NE sends

Wednesday April 12th 1848 Commenced with a smart gale and thick rainy weather took in the Fore Topmast stay Sail middle part wind and weather much as the first part at 8 A.M. took in the Main Top Sail latter part very heavy gale sends.

Thursday April 13th 1848 Commenced with very heavy gales from NE and increasing turned the Starboard boat up and made every thing as secure as possible middle part the gale still increasing a sea struck the waist boat and stove her about 6 A.M. two thirds of her blowed up in to the Main Rigging nearly up to the Main Top and now the wind had increased to a perfect Hurricane which blowed off the Main J.B. Mast Fly Jib boom blowed the Fore Sail Fore & Main Top Sails Fore top mast & Sail loose blowed in tatters lost the Starboard boat nearly all the cargo and worst of all split the head of the Rudder all to pieces besides a great deal of other damage we sustained sends.

Friday April 14th 1848 Commenced with a perfect Hurricane between 1 P.M. and 3 the wind shifted from N.E. to S.E. during the time we could proceed but that would last 20 or 30 seconds. from 3 to five it moderated so that we got a loft and secured the Fore Sail & Fore Top Sail got the Fly Jib & Boom in on the Fore castle but before we could see any thing to the N.E. it was dangerous for a man to step on deck let alone going aloft at 6 it blowed as hard if not harder from S.E. at 11 P.M. it began to lull by day light it moderated down to a common gale called all hands remain on board employed clearing the deck and securing the Fore & Main Tacks they had got loose and chafed the Masts very bad Lat. 16° 46' Long. 171° 45'